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FREE Public Skating at the Butte Civic Center

Butte, MT - - December 16th - - The Butte Civic Center will have FREE Public Skating sessions December 23, 26 and 27 from Noon to 2:30 P.M. Family Public Session Skate will be December 23, 26 and 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The Butte Figure Skating Club will monitor the ice for the Civic Center. Admission for the public sessions is FREE with a can of food that will be donated to the Butte Food Bank. Skaters will need to bring their own skates or rent them in advance from Whiteheads (723-9188) in Uptown Butte. On Christmas Eve Day, December 24, the public session will be held 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Santa Claus will be available for pictures during the December 24 public session from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M for \$5.00. Hot chocolate and snacks will be available for purchase. No sticks and pucks, please.

The Butte Figure Skating Club will hold “Learn to Skate” sessions on December 23, 26 and 27 at the Butte Civic Center from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M., prior to the public sessions. The cost of the lessons will be \$3.00 per day. Club members will teach the group lessons, and skaters will need to bring their own skates. Please arrive 20 minutes early to allow for check in and to prepare for skating so the lessons can start promptly at 11:00 A.M. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent.

“Holiday on Ice”:

The Butte Figure Skating Club will present “Holiday on Ice,” December 28, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. at the Butte Civic Center. Admission will be \$7.00. Guest skaters from the Helena Figure Skating Club will also perform. Skaters will skate to traditional Christmas music by such artists as Elvis Presley and Bing Crosby. Christmas rugs, a liquor basket and a beauty basket will be raffled as well as 50/50 tickets for the holiday fundraiser. Proceeds of the event will be used to help defray costs for the Ice Parade 2009 – Disney on Ice production to be presented June 12, 13 and 14.

Tickets are on sale from any club member or you may call the Butte Civic Center at 497-6401, Kris McDonald at 490-8876 or Elinor Johns at 782-8680.